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WHAT IS THE USE OF COIN COLLECTING.

Written for Numisma.

As I write, there lies before me a shilling of Charles 1st, with all the marks of use and busy trafficking upon it, and it seems to answer: Is it nothing that you, in this favored age, should possess such a relic of the past as I am, and is it not honorable occupation that you should endeavor to conserve beyond your ephemeral day such eloquent matter? In the days of my youth, when fresh and bright, I became the property of a bonny, freehanded, lighthearted cavalier, in the service of his sacred Majesty, whose image I bear; many is the jug of spiced ale and tankard of good wine I was the means of conveying to the throats of those thirsty royalists, until the evil days came, and the cropeared roundheads, after the fatal field of Worcester, introduced a new order of things, and the conventicle became more popular than the tavern. Flying from that fatal field with my then master, a proscribed royalist, we suddenly discovered that we had urgent business in France, to whose shores we took passage, oh most effeminate youth, not in a mail steamer, but in an open boat, on a stormy night, and I had several times well nigh lain for the balance of my days in the bed of the channel; but at last we were safely landed and I was speedily introduced to strange companions, in the shape of louis d'ors and testoons of the frog eating nation, whose guests we had now become. I had always thought, of course, that being English, we were entitled to due homage, and to take precedence over all the other nations; in fact, it was not quite clear to my mind that we did not own France, as my crest, and the faces of my English associates asserted. I was, however, quickly undeceived in this and several other points, and despite the sympathy displayed for the countenance of the royal master, I found that trades folks vastly preferred my companions

and regarded me as an interloper, and my crest as an insult. I was deeply mortified on several occasions, by being positively refused in payment for the most trifling articles. It can hardly be surprising that I became homesick and disgusted in the possession of my French master and eagerly searched for a hole in his pocket that I might get out into some river or fissure in the ground and end my life forever. We, however, fell in with a peddler, and my master tendered me in payment for some ribbon for his jerkin and I was accepted with an alacrity that astonished me, until I discovered that the peddler was from Bordeaux, which city we soon reached, and I found myself surrounded once more by the products of the different English mints, again courted, cherished and sought after, in a manner that amply recompensed me for all my troubles in the past. I remained in France some time longer, but arrived in England in ample time to take part in the rejoicings that took place when the king came to his own again. I ministered to the wants of his subjects, during his reign, and that of his brother James, but unfortunately, fell into the hands of some of the adherents of William of Orange and was carried to the Low Countries, which I liked even worse than France, although it was probably the means of saving my existence, for while I was away a general recoinage of all silver money took place and upon my return, near the close of William's reign, I scarcely recognized any of my new companions, finding myself, as one might say, with a price upon my head and liable to be arrested and destroyed at any moment. In this terrible strait, owing to my having carried my years so well, I was taken possession of by a kind hearted collector and in the security of a coin cabinet have calmly surveyed the stirring events of the reigns of good Queen Anne, and of the four Georges, and now have again travelled and become a resident of a great and important country, that

was no country in my infancy. This, my friend and protector, is only a little of what I could tell, but I am yet in my first youth; ask my companions of the Egyptian era, or those noble Greeks and Romans, and then you shall hear something worth hearing indeed. But I hope you are satisfied that there is *something* in coin collecting.

Faternally Yours, G. W. GILL,
Memphis, Tenn.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. Steigerwalt, in the current number of his Coin Journal, states that the charges made for selling coin collections in New York amount to 25 and 30 per cent. of the gross receipts; a misstatement as far as we and several other coin dealers are concerned. We catalogued the Kuithan collection, lately sold at Bangs & Co., New York, for 20 per cent. of gross receipts, which covered all expenses, and are ready to undertake any fine collection at this rate, while for minor collections, odd lots, duplicates of correspondents, etc., our charges have never exceeded 22 1-2 per cent., and by holding our coin sales in the central coin market of the United States we have heretofore given our customers the benefit of a wide distribution, larger attendance, and generally higher prices. When men like Haseltine, Randall, Chapman, Newlin, Woodward, H. P. Smith, Cogan, Sampson, Scott, and others select New York with its slightly higher charges but unrivaled facilities for the disposal of coin collections, they do so because they know from experience that it is the spot where the most influential, wealthy, and appreciative coin buyers congregate, and where trade is most active and profitable.

Mr. Steigerwalt has good facilities at Lancaster for the economical disposal of coins, as the building where the sales are held belongs to the family, and he is his own cata-

loguer and auctioneer. We wish him continued success in the remunerative trade he has built up by perseverance and fair dealings, but he should not make rash statements about the cost of selling coin collections in New York. In the meanwhile, if any collector, wishing to dispose of his collection at the *most* economical rates, should desire to try Irvington, we will undertake the catalogue, and bear all expenses of the sale at 15 per cent. commission, which is less than Mr. Steigerwalt's offer, because he makes a proviso to the effect that coins at 15 per cent. must average \$50 per page, while we do not. Will some one try it? Irvington is only 22 miles from Grand Central Depot, is easily accessible, and we have a fine room 20x30 which would admirably serve the purpose of an auction room.

COMING SALES.

Mr. M. Salmon, 137 Pennsylvania Ave., Baltimore, Md., will sell the Oriole (?) collection in Baltimore on 10 inst.

John W. Haseltine has a sale at Bangs & Co., on the 19 and 20 inst.

Ed. Frossard will sell the collection of B. B. Coursin, Esq. Mc Keesport, Pa., at Bangs & Co., on Friday 21 inst. A proof set 1858, fine half dollars, very fine cents, portrait medals of artists, philosophers, authors, musicians, and a fine selection of Roman Imperial denarii will form the chief attractions of this sale.

Another sale of Ed. Frossard will take place on Saturday, October 12.

Nearly all dealers are preparing fine collections for the auction room, but we have been unable to obtain particulars of place, date, etc.

The important collection of silver moneys of German cities, formed by Dr. L. Schultze, of Hamburg, Germany, will be sold in Hamburg on 24 inst and following days. We have sent important orders, which, if executed, will enable us to present to our customers a number of very choice and rare crowns and double crowns.

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ELECTROTYPES OF GREEK COINS.

The Committee of the New York Numismatic and Archæological Society has so far secured \$1003 50 toward purchasing a set of electrotypes of ancient coins from the British Museum, being \$3.50 in excess of the amount originally asked; but it is announced that further subscriptions will be received for the purpose of defraying contingent expenses and of printing the descriptive catalogue. The success of this undertaking is not without its importance at the present time. As a matter of fact this is the first public subscription for the purchase of a cabinet of coins attempted here that has met with entire success; what would have been looked upon as an impossibility 10 years ago, was achieved by a small committee without special difficulty, and the most encouraging letters have been received from various parts of the country showing a growing appreciation of the value of ancient coins in the study of ancient history, literature, religious rites, and art.

The following are the names of subscribers to date: *Pierre Lorillard, *Daniel Parish, Jr., *Anthony Pfund, *Rowland G. Mitchell, Jr., John Taylor Johnston, *Cyrus J. Lawrence; *Lyman H. Low, *James Oliver, *Wm. Poillon, *Frank Doughty; *H. R. Drowne, *Richard S. Ely, *A. L. Sullivan; *William R. Weeks, *Isaac F. Wood, John W. Wilson, *Ed. Frossard, John A. Nexsin, Clarence Cook, M. de Aldams, Robert Hoe, *John M. Dodd, Jr., Robert Hoe, Jr., *Gen. J. Watts de Peyster, *Benjamin Betts, *Robert Morris, Jonas Stremmell, *Robert Hew-

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As previously stated, the entire list of subscribers, with amount subscribed by each, will be published with the descriptive catalogue.

 Names with * are members of the Society.

The chief value of Greek coins lies in their being original works of art, not copies, as are most of the extant sculptures in the round, and in their recording the successive phases and local varieties of Greek art, in which respect no other class of monuments, sculptures, bronzes, terracottas, fictile vases, or gems, can compete with them. From the seventh century before the Christian era downwards, and from the farthest east to the extreme west of the ancient civilized world, gold and silver coins are still extant, in many cases as uninjured as when they first left the dies. The devices or types which they bear, if not by leading artists, certainly faithfully represent the style of the sculpture and even of the paintings of the periods to which they belong. Thus in no other branch of Greek monuments can the student so readily and so thoroughly trace the growth, the maturity, and the decay of the plastic art as on coins chronologically arranged.

For the study of mythology they present

the local conceptions of the gods and heroes worshipped in the Greek world, with their attributes and symbols. The historian will find a gallery of portraits of sovereigns almost complete from Alexander to Augustus, as well as evidences of the history and of the political revolutions of innumerable autonomous states and cities in these all but imperishable records. The student of palæography will find on coins examples of various ancient alphabets, such as Lycian and Cyprian, Phoenician, Greek, Latin, Iberian, etc., in various stages of development. The metrologist, by comparing the weights of coins of different localities and periods, may gain an insight into the various systems of ancient metrology in its different standards and obtain a just view of the relative values of the precious metals, and of the great lines of trade in the Greek and Roman world.

R. S. POOL,
of the British Museum.

A PROOF WREATH CENT 1793.

Sufficient publicity has perhaps not been given to the fact that we have at present for sale a 1793 wreath cent, unrivaled if not unique in points of impression and condition (See *Numisma* for July; list of coins for sale No. 1522.)

This superb specimen, the property of a gentleman whose name is well known among advanced collectors, is of a uniform original bright red color, in this respect superior to any other known specimen of this type and variety.

In condition it is a very sharp and perfect impression, struck on a polished planchet, and the die must have bitten deep into the metal as every detail of execution is perfectly and completely depicted on the coin.

This cent has of course never been circulated; it is in fact as regards preservation precisely in the condition in which it fell from the dies. When shown to Messrs. Richard

and Geo. W. Cogan, John W. Haseltine, and H. G. Sampson, each of these gentlemen declared it to be by far the finest cent of the date 1793 ever seen by him, and the opinion of these experts must certainly be considered to be authoritative.

The variety of this cent is the one described page 8, No. 4 of *Monograph of U. S. Cents and Half Cents* by Ed. Frossard, as follows

The hair in heavy waving masses, flows in irregular but graceful curves, the legend and date are evenly spaced and the largest of this class. The leaves under the bust are broad and nearly at right angles to each other; their stem rises on a line continued with the perpendicular stroke of 7.

REV. ONE CENT high in wreath, with a dot between E and N of cent. There are three trefoils on the left, and three on the right branch, the latter opposite and near each other; the upper spray of berries points to the right of S in STATES, the legend is close to the dotted border.

The small break or crack in die over the temple from the hair to eye is sharp and as well defined as in any specimen we have yet seen.

This cent is now for sale by us at \$300, net, and considering its extraordinary beauty it is worth all that. At auction it might bring a little less, but most probably more. To a collector of uncirculated cents, this specimen would be simply invaluable, and we are perfectly sure that there are several collectors in the U. S. who would be glad to add it to their collection at any price, and who, under other circumstances, would pay much more than the price asked.

Beside this cent there are, belonging to the same set, a number of specimens of this and other dates, representing all the types of U. S. coinage of cents and half cents from 1793 to 1857, in condition nearly equal to this numismatic gem. A few of these have been sold since the July number of *Numisma* was issued, but the major part still remain unsold at the present time. For list of prices see "*Numisma*" for July.

THE GOLD FLORIN.

The gold florin was first coined in Florence, according to Villani, A. D. 1252. The excellence of the gold and weight made it speedily current all over Europe; and the type, at least with different modifications of its value, was adopted by all the principal powers, besides archbishops, bishops, and abbots, as well as by all the different grades of princes, from the duke to the simple baron, possessing the right to strike money. Tobiasson Duby gives portraits of twenty-one gold florins, struck in the Kingdom of France alone, exclusive of those issued from the royal mints, before Charles V prohibited the type as *infra dignitatem*, or against the dignity of the State, it having been borrowed from the Florentines. In Germany, this coin was still more extensively spread, and the imitations in Italy were even more numerous. On the obverse, and on almost all the reverses, the imitators followed the type of the original, which is a full figure of St. John the Baptist, looking to the front, clothed in skins, a girdle about his waist, beard long, head surrounded by a double nimbe or glory, the right arm extended, the left hand holding a staff, and the legend S. IOHANNES B. The rev. bears the corolla or blossom of the white lily, or fleur-de-lis occupying the whole field, and the legend FLORENTIA, usually preceded by a small cross. The weight of the florin was about 54 grains Troy. An excessively rare florin is the one issued by Edward III. of England for Aquitaine. It is of the usual type but the legend reads IOHANNES B DVX AQUITANIAE. Double and half florins of the usual type were also issued at various times and in different countries, but excepting the half florin of Arragon, they are generally rare. The florin, as the precursor in one sense of the immense modern gold coinage of Europe is an interesting coin; the Florentine type is still comparatively common, and specimens in very fine preservation are easily obtained.

COIN SALES.

June 27-29. The entire collection of Sylvester S. Crosby, of Boston, Mass., the author of the "Early Coins of America," comprising Colonial Coins, U. S. Silver and Copper Coins, Pattern pieces, American Medals, Washington Coins and Medals, Politicals, Store cards etc. 1817 lots, Catalogued by John W. Haseltine; sold at Bangs & Co., New York. Mr. Crosby's cabinet ranked at one time among the most important, if not the most important in the country, but he had during the past few years disposed of a number of the rarest coins, as for instance the Nova Constellatio "Mark" and "Quint," to Lorin G. Parmelee and others. Still the collection left was both large and important, as well in the quality of the pieces as in the extreme rarity of many of the specimens, especially among the Colonial coins, and there were enough left to bring out a large number of first-class buyers. The result must have been quite satisfactory to Mr. Crosby, who, in parting from his long kept coins and medals, was solaced by the knowledge that his collection was generally appreciated, and that new collectors were still ready to pay the best prices for really fine and rare American coins. Among the Washington coins the Naked Bust cent sold at \$146; 1792 half-dollar in copper 72; Liberty and Security, head to right (302) 50.; three Season medals, silver, sold for 106, the set; a number of W. mortuary medals sold at good figures; the Fame medal, bronze, 34.; the Halliday medal, silver proof, size 34, *not* unique, 45.; N. E. shillings 30. and 58.; willow tree shillings sold at 55., 41.50, 37., and 12.; a do sixpence 52.; a rare variety of the oak tree shilling 27.; of the sixpence 11.50; of the threepence 5 50, and of the twopence 11.50. Some fine pine tree coins also sold at excellent figures. Five varieties of the Granby coppers sold for 285; or an average of 57. each; a 1785 Vermontis

Res Publica, very fine, sold for 17.—the most astonishing price however realized on any Colonial coin was No. 1165, the New Jersey Washington unique cent. This specimen was discovered by Mr. Haseltine in a lot of old coppers, and offered to the writer 10 years ago for 100. net, the price probably paid by Mr. Crosby for it. It sold at 620. to Mr. Parmelee, who thus adds another unique Colonial to his matchless cabinet. Among the New York coins or rather cents, a NON VI VIRTUTE VICI 67.50; a rare NOVA EBORAC 24.; a LIBER NATUS LIBERTATEM DEFENDO 72.50; Lord Baltimore shilling 47.; rare Chalmer's sixpence 19.; do 3 pence 22.; Virginia penny 1773, 31. (we can duplicate this coin at 20). Pattern pieces of the Rosa Americana series sold at 80. for the two pence, 90. and 80. for varieties of the penny and 85. for the half penny; a silver IMMUNE COLUMBIA, of the Nova Constellatio series sold at 75., and the unique CONFEDERATIO cent, 1785, poor, 60. Among the regular series, a very perfect and beautiful half-dollar of 1796, 15 stars, sold for 255.; 1809 cent, strictly uncirculated, 60.; a 1796 half-cent, about good, 23. In the pattern, the half disme of Martha Washington, 1792, 15.50. Total of sale, \$5,977.54.

June 30. Rare American Coins, the collection of E. F. Kuithan, Esq., of Burlington, Iowa; also a selection of fine Ancient coins. 576 lots. Catalogue by Ed. Frosard; sold at Bangs & Co. Total proceeds, \$1831.19.

July 10. Miscellaneous coins, including a few rare American. 324 lots. Catalogue by Charles Steigerwalt; sold by him at Lancaster, Pa.

July 10. Coins, Medals, Postage Stamps, etc. 794 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamore; sold by William Seemuller & Co., Baltimore, Md

July 12, 13. The numismatic collection of Mr. Walter R. Hubbard, of Montreal. 1020

lots. Catalogue by H. P. Smith; sold at Bangs & Co. Total proceeds \$1397.85. Without wishing to criticise Mr. Smith, whose catalogues are generally attractive, it seems that a private discussion, especially when directed against a collector as well and as favorably known as Mr. W. C. Wyman, of Chicago, is entirely out of place in a catalogue. See p. p. 25, 26, 27 and 28.

July 25, 26. Coins and Medals, Postage Stamps, Confederate Money, Coin Books and Catalogues, etc. 956 lots. Catalogue by H. G. Sampson; sold at Bangs & Co.

August 22. United States and Foreign copper and silver coins; Ancient Roman and Greek coins; autographs, etc. 743 lots. Catalogue by John W. Haseltine (71 sale); sold at Bangs & Co.

MEDALS RECENTLY ISSUED.

Several varieties of medals commemorating the opening of the Brooklyn Suspension Bridge were issued for speculative purposes. As works of art they are utter failures, and we can obtain them at very low rates if any of our customers wish to add to their collections.—A medal, size 36, was issued by the city of Charleston, S. C., to commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the incorporation of that city as a municipality, which occurred on the 13th of August. The obverse displays the great seal of the city; the rev. bears within a wreath the inscription, CENTENNIAL | CELEBRATION | OF THE | CITY OF CHARLESTON | SOUTH CAROLINA | 13TH AUGUST | 1883; border ornamented with 38 stars, above the inscription a group of 13 stars. Copies in bronze can be had through Numisma at \$3.00 each.—From Mr. Charles K. Warner, 1123 Chestnut St., Phila., we have received a Louisville, Ky., Southern Exposition medal, size 20; a medal of the 17th Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., held at Denver, Colorado, July 25 and 26, 1883, size

24; and another of the tertio-millennial anniversary of Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 2-Aug. 3, 1883.—In California several medals commemorative of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar have been issued, of which specimens will shortly be in our hands for sale at reasonable prices.

NUMISMATIC GOSSIP.

One of the most startling discoveries ever made in the American numismatic field is that of a three-pence, of the Hog or Summer Island currency, now safely lodged in the princely cabinet of Lorin G. Parmelee, Esq., of Boston, Mass. Up to the present time the shilling and sixpence alone were known. The next in order will be the discovery of the two-pence, said to exist, but where?—Mr. W. E. Woodward has traveled extensively during the summer and has purchased a number of valuable coin collections.—Raymond & Sherman, 126 Elm St., Chicago, Ill., propose to publish, by October next, a directory of coin and stamp dealers and collectors in the U. S., and Canada.—The January number of the Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal just received, if *slightly* late in its publication, is not the less welcome.—The July number of Our Home and Science Gossip, published at Rockford, Ill., contains a list of numismatic works for sale at fixed prices.—Mr. Gaston Feuardent is spending a few weeks in Paris.—Mr. Sullivan David of Montreal is politely, earnestly and repeatedly invited to send us \$5.85 or return the goods purchased 6 months ago.—

Twenty six parts of Batty's catalogue of the Copper Coinage of Great Britain have been published to date. Part XXVII, soon to be issued, concludes the description of the tradesmen's tokens. Mr. Batty will then undertake the description of the copper issues from the regular royal and provincial mints. The editor of Numisma has the sole agency in

the United States for the sale of Mr. Batty's valuable and accurate work. It may not be amiss to state here that Mr. Batty's former collection of American coins, now the property of Mr. C. S. Hilton of Manchester, is now in the United States and that we have had the opportunity to examine it.—Our next sales, rich in fine ancient gold and silver coins, also in desirable Americana will take place regularly, at an interval of about 4 weeks, from this month to May next.—Mr. Lyman H. Low, the well known collector of modern copper coins, having relinquished all other business, has become a member of the firm of B. Westermann & Co., 738 Broadway, New York, who have added a coin and medal department to be under the exclusive charge of Mr. Low. If a good knowledge of coins, intelligence, and prompt attention to business, are of any value in such an undertaking, Mr. Low will succeed for he possesses all these qualities in an eminent degree.

ANTHON CABINET; PARTS IV & V.

By direction of the late Prof. Charles E. Anthon. Part IV of his cabinet, comprising the Ancient Coins, is to be catalogued by Mr. Gaston Feuardent, the well-known dealer in antiquities in Lafayette Place. Part V, and last, the American collection, will be catalogued by Mr. Geo. W. Cogan, son and successor of Mr. Ed. Cogan with whom Prof. Anthon had been in confidential business intercourse for the last 20 years. Parts IV. will be sold at Bangs & Co., January next; Part V, April following.

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